

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

SECRETARY.—I beg to lay on the Table the Fifth List of Unstarred Questions and Answers thereto.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Nursery Schools started in the State.

Q.—59. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have started any Nursery Schools in the State for Boys and Girls of Pre-Primary School age ;

(b) if so, how many schools are being run at present and the places where they are situated in Bangalore Rural District ;

(c) whether there is any definite programme for the education of boys and girls of pre-Primary School-going age in the State ;

(d) whether they contemplate starting Training Centres to train teachers for such schools and if so, where and when ?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) 82 schools (*Vide* statement appended).

(c) No. As per rules, recognition and grants are given if private individuals and local bodies come forward ;

(d) During the III Five Year Plan a provision of 2 lakhs of rupees has been made for opening of two pre-Primary Training Sections to be attached to the existing Teachers' Training Institutions. Orders were issued for opening one such section at Gulbarga. The response from intending trainees has been poor. Subject to availability of funds a second section will be opened during the present plan period.